

ENHANCED LINE CARD AND PACKETIZING CPE FOR LIFELINE PACKET VOICE TELEPHONE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A voice and data communication system whereby a line card digitizes and
5 packetizes voice communications signals upon the failure of Customer Premises Equipment
(CPE). The system comprises a line card for coupling the CPE with a network. Furthermore,
the invention provides a system that can direct the voice signals to either or both of a voice
network and a data network.

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